GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SWARANREKHA CHANDIL PROJECT
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Swaranrekha Chandil Project betweenBihar, West Bengal and Orissa with main dam in Bihar has been pending for the last 15-20 years despite spending a huge amount thereon;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to expedite the clearance; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed and made operational?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The Swaranrekha Multipurpose Project of Bihar (now Jharkhand)was cleared by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources subject to clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forest, Ministry of Welfare and the concurrence of State Finance Department. The State Government has to comply with the conditions ofthe Advisory Committee so as to obtain investment clearance from Planning Commission. The Central Government requested Government of Jharkhand to expedite obtaining the forest clearance for the Swaranrekha Multipurpose Project. Concurrence of StateFinance Department and clearance from Ministryof Welfare and Ministry of Environment & Forest from environmental angle have beenreceived and sent to Planning Commissionfor acceptance. Being a State subject, irrigation projects are planned, investigated, implemented and funded by the State Government as per their own priorities . The investment clearance of the project depends inter-alia upon the compliance of observations o f the Advisory Committee, Ministry of Water Resources by the State Government.